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Radio City Music Hall

# Radio City Music Hall: Alive and Still (Shakily) Kicking

- Tom Shales

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The idea of pot-puffing rock audiences using the Music Hall may frighten those with a particularly reverential attitude toward the place, but Robert says the new crowds have been respectful and nothing has been found missing, except for one black panther statue that had been sitting in a men's lounge. But Robert blames the loss of that on—guess who—the CIA.

When it was revealed at a Senate hearing last summer that the CIA once tested its agents with the tough assignment of sneaking into Radio City Music Hall, Robert ordered an inventory to see if any evidence could be found that novice agents had accomplished their mission. "The only thing we found missing was the panther," she reports. "It's also about the only thing small enough to be carried out of the Music Hall. So for all we know, the CIA got it."